

Election

Applicants elect the Group II invention including claims 34-44 for further prosecution on the merits in the present application. This election is without traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 22-44 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Applicants have elected the Group II invention including claims 34-44 for further prosecution on the merits in the present application.

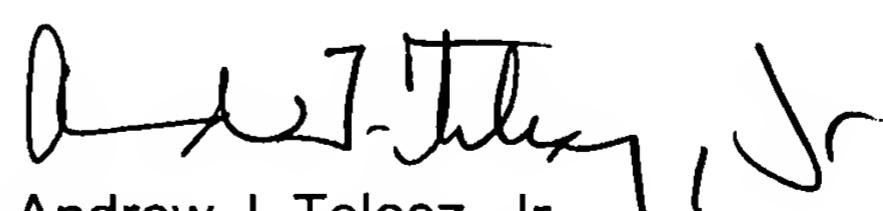
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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